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1. BESIDES MANILA A-399 OF OCTOBER 16, 1974, FURTHER INFORMATION ON PADC MAY BE FOUND IN A-89 OF MARCH 28, 1974 AND A-214 OF AUGUST 7, 1975. ALSO, VOLUNTARY WTDR WAS SUBMITTED IN JUNE 1975.

2. ONLY CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT H. LIM AS PRESIDENT, POSITION FROM WHICH ALEJANDRO MELCHOR STEP DOWN BUT HAS REMAINED CHAIRMAN OF BOARD. LIM IS ANNAPOLIS CLASS OF 1942 AND SERVED AS PILOT IN US ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II. FROM 1947 TO 1969 HE WAS WITH PHILIPPINE AIRLINES, THE LAST EIGHT YEARS AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT.

3. PADC IS NOW IN THE THIRD PHASE OF ITS ISLANDER PROGRAM, THAT IS, PARTIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND 25 UNITS. IT HAS PROBLEMS SELLING THE AIRCRAFT, BOTH BECAUSE OF ITS PRICE (\$350,000) AND ITS LACK OF MODERNITY COMPARED WITH OTHER AIRCRAFT. ON DECEMBER 4, 1975 PRESIDENT MARCOS GAVE PADC THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROV OF IMPORTS OF GENERAL AVIATION AIRCRAFT. PADC HAS DISAPPROVED THE IMPORT OF ONE BEACH AIRCRAFT'S QUEEN AIR, LEADING TO A TRADE COMPLAINT (COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE BEING POUCED TO ATTENTION ROBERT MCLAUGHLIN, OIM/BIC).

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